

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including a first button and a second button;

in response to each activation of the first button:

creating ~~an~~ **new** activity item,

establishing a user-selected activity type for the ~~created~~ activity item,

wherein

the establishing comprises selecting a single type of activity from among a plurality of activity types and

the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item,

creating an expense item, and

consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

and

in response to each activation of the second button:

creating a new expense report,

adding all created expense items to the created expense report,

and

submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising, in response to each activation of the first button:

establishing for the ~~created~~ activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable storage medium whose contents cause a computing system to perform a process for generating an expense report, comprising:

displaying controls including an activity item creation button and an expense report creation button;

in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:

creating an an ~~new~~ activity item,

establishing a user-selected activity type for the ~~created~~ activity item,

wherein

the establishing comprises selecting a single type of activity

from among a plurality of activity types and

the user-selected activity type specifies an activity type of the activity item,

creating an expense item, and

consulting a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

and

in response to each activation of the expense report creation button:

creating a new expense report,

adding all created expense items to the created expense report,

and

submitting the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises, in response to each activation of the activity item creation button:

establishing for the ~~created~~ activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishing for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

5. (Currently Amended) A computing system for generating an expense report, comprising:

a control display subsystem that displays controls including a first button and a second button;

a first button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the first button:

creates ~~an~~ new activity item,

establishes a user-selected activity type for the created activity item,

wherein

the establishing the user-selected activity type comprises a user

selecting exactly one type of activity from among at

least two activity types and

the user-selected activity type specifies the activity type of the activity item,

creates an expense item, and

uses a predetermined mapping from activity types to expense types to automatically establish an expense type for the created expense item;

and

a second button activation processing subsystem that, in response to each activation of the second button:

creates a new expense report,

adds all created expense items to the created expense report,

and

submits the created expense report containing the added created expense items.

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, further comprising a date designation system that, in response to each activation of the first button:

establishes for the ~~created~~ activity item a date designated by a user for the activity item; and

without user input specifying a date for the created expense item, establishes for the created expense item the same date designated by a user for the activity item.

7-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the establishing ~~a user-selected activity type for the created activity item~~ further comprises:
providing a user with a list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein
the list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is maintained by the user and contains
activity ~~item~~ types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
each of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types corresponds to one of appointments,
meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting
correspondence.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
the application administrator predefines the at least two activity ~~item~~ types by providing
information corresponding to at least one of
a description of ~~the~~ an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the at least two activity types,
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are associated with a particular
client, and
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are expensible.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the establishing ~~a user-selected activity type for the created activity item~~ further comprises:

providing a user with a list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein

the list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is maintained by the user and contains activity ~~item~~ types predefined by an application administrator.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the pre-determined mapping is defined by an application administrator.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

each of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein

the application administrator predefines the at least two activity ~~item~~ types by providing information corresponding to at least one of
a description of ~~the~~ an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the at least two activity types,
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are associated with a particular client, and
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are expensible.

23. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the establishing ~~a user-selected activity type for the created activity item~~ further comprises:
providing a user with a list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types.

24. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is maintained by the user and contains activity ~~item~~ types predefined by an application administrator.
25. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity ~~item~~ types corresponds to one of appointments, meetings, presentations, trips, travel, demonstrations, and drafting correspondence.
26. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the application administrator predefines the at least two activity ~~item~~ types by providing information corresponding to at least one of
a description of ~~the~~ an activity,
itemized tasks associated with the at least two activity types,
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are associated with a particular client, and
whether the at least two activity ~~item~~ types is are expensible.